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FROM USDEL 229

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: DAILY SUMMARY NO. 46

1. SUMMARY. THE WORKING GROUPS ON COMMAND AND CONTROL AND FACILITIES MET IN AFTERNOON JOINT SESSION. IT WAS AN EXERCISE WE CONTRIVED IN THE HOPE THAT THE MORE DYNAMIC AND PRODUCTIVE COMMAND AND CONTROL GROUP COULD POACH ON SOME OF THE ISSUES WHICH HAVE BEEN NIBBLED TO TATTERS IN THE FACILITIES GROUP OVER THE PAST 10 WEEKS. IT WAS A marginally effective ploy.

2. FACILITIES AND COMMAND AND CONTROL. THE TWO WORKING GROUPS MET JOINTLY TO DISCUSS DESIGNATION, CONTROL, AND USE OF SUBIC WATERS. WE REITERATED FIRM U.S. POSITION (STATE 207959, PARA C) THAT ALL WATER AREAS WE NOW HAVE ARE REQUIRED TO
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MEET OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, WHICH HAS BEEN PATIENTLY

AND REPEATEDLY EXPLAINED IN CONTEXT OF MUTUALLY AGREED
RECOGNITION OF PRINCIPLE OF UNHAMPERED U.S. OPERATIONS.
U.S. SIDE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESENT DFA (POLITICAL)
RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF THE SW ZAMBALES, TABONES AND LOS
FRAILES RANGES PLUS PHIL POSITION ON FUTURE USE OF CROW
VALLEY RANGE DO LITTLE TO ENCOURAGE U.S. TO CONSIDER ANY
DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS THEN WE NOW HAVE IN PRESENT MILITARY
BASES AGREEMENT. PHIL OBJECTIONS, WHICH TOOK FORM OF
REITERATION OF PHIL POINTS REPORTED IN USDEL 177, PARA 4C,
WITH EMPHASIS ON ACCOMMODATING KAWASAKI AND OTHER FUTURE
COMMERCIAL VENTURES, WERE COUNTERED WITH STATEMENT THAT
GOP USAGE NEEDS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MET (PHILS DID NOT OBJECT
TO THIS), AND THAT WE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY "SOVEREIGNTY"
ISSUE IS NOT MOOT IN VIEW OF OUR RECOGNITION AND AGREEMENT
THAT BASES ARE PHIL MILITARY BASES. DISCUSSION FEATURED
INCONCLUSIVE CROSS-CURRENTS ON PHIL SIDE, WITH HINT OF PHIL
WILLINGNESS TO SEEK (IN COMMAND AND CONTROL GROUP) TO PUT
IN WRITING THE ORAL GUARANTEES THAT ARE SO PRONE TO
EVAPORATE INTO THIN AIR. WHILE WE MIGHT SEE SOME PROGRESS
BY NUDGING PELAEZ ASIDE AND RELYING ON PHIL MILITARY FOR ANY
FLWXIBILITY THAT MIGHT APPEAR, THE ISSUE OF SUBIC WATER IS
HARD CORE; PHILS INSIST ON CONTROL WITH SO-CALLED GUARANTEES
FOR OUR USE, WHILE WE INSIST ON U.S. CONTROL WITH GUARANTEES
FOR PHIL USE. WE STRESSED THAT BALL IS IN PHIL COURT,
AND THAT USDEL HAS NO BASIS FOR SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS UNTIL
WE HAVE PHIL PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE.
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